

YOUR GUIDE TO ALL THE HOTTEST HOLIDAY MOVIES

THERE is a feast in store for film-goers during the holiday season.

Comedy, drama, true love, sensational stunts, action and suspense are just some of the elements of a wide selection of blockbuster movies for all ages.

The two films set to fight it out for the title of smash hit of the summer are *Innerspace* and *Dirty Dancing*.

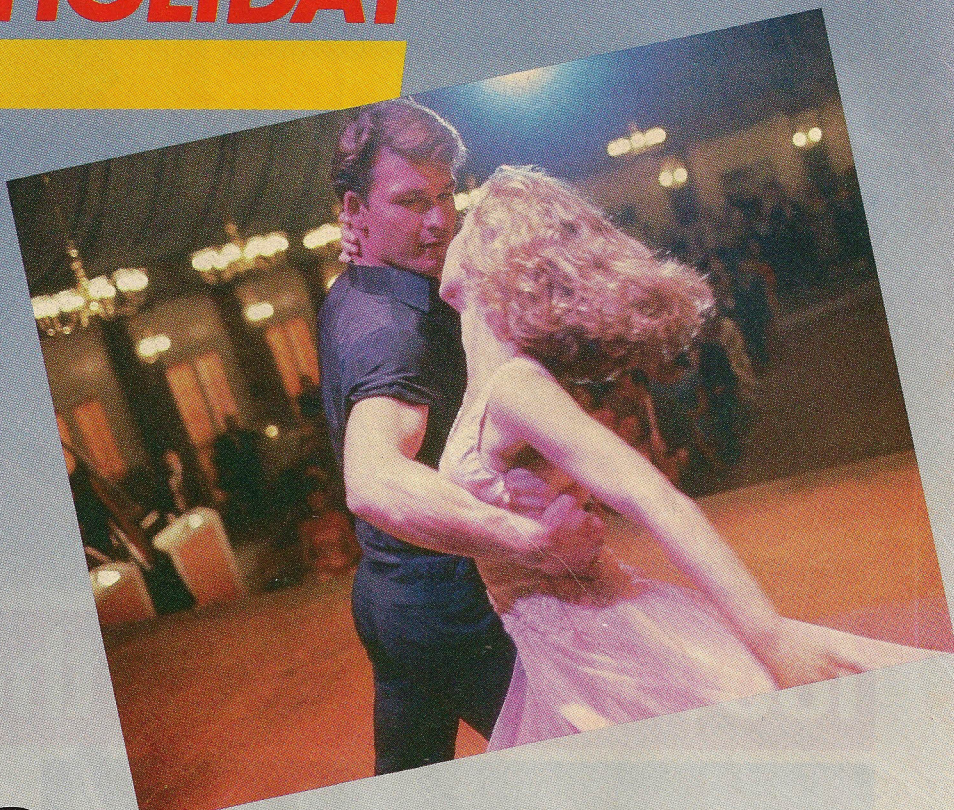
Produced by Steven Spielberg, *Innerspace* (M) is an action-packed suspense-comedy, starring Martin Short as a conservative supermarket clerk who falls into the centre of a scientific experiment and big league espionage.

Dirty Dancing (M), set in the turbulent Sixties, is a romantic comedy-drama which features sensational and steamy dance sequences performed by Patrick Swayze, Jennifer Grey and Cynthia Rhodes.

Another film for the

ABOVE RIGHT: Heart-throb Patrick Swayze in a clinch during a high-energy scene from *Dirty Dancing*.

BELOW: Danny De Vito and Billy Crystal in *Throw Momma From The Train*... De Vito also directs the comedy.



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Big guns are ready to fire in the summer box-office war

teen market is *Summer School*, starring Mark Harmon as a gym coach turned reluctant English teacher for the summer break.

The top box-office film of the year in the U.S., *Fatal Attraction*, is sure to do the same thing here when it is released after Christmas.

The thriller stars Michael Douglas as a happily married man whose family is viciously

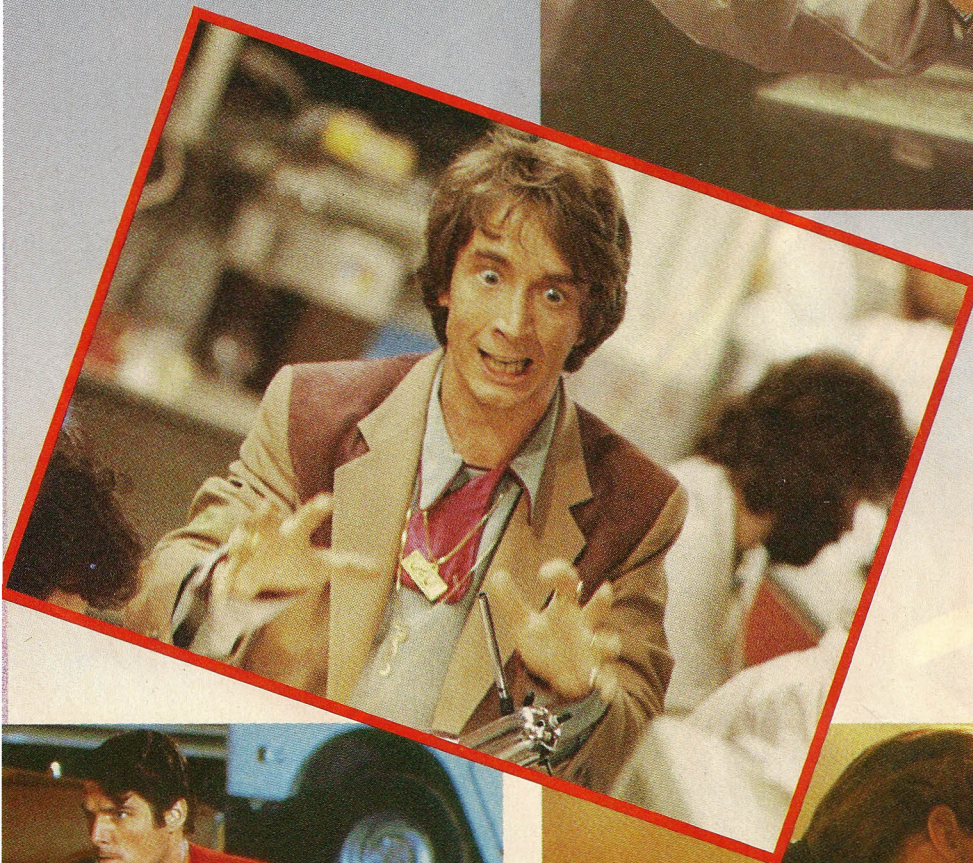


threatened after he has a brief affair with an attractive business associate, played by Glenn Close.

For comedy fans there's a host of films to tickle the funnybone. Mel Brooks' *Spaceballs* (M) is a laughter-filled send-up of *Star Wars*, *Star Trek* and any other film or series which has ventured into outer-space.

Bill Cosby has also come out with a spoof — *Leonard Part 6* (PG) — in which the famous comedian stars as a James Bond-type hero called out of retirement to save the world from an evil woman who has control over all animals!

Two of comedy's biggest stars, Danny De Vito and Billy Crystal, team up in the unusual screwball comedy *Throw Momma From The Train* (M), in which a struggling



ABOVE: Bill Cosby in *Leonard Part 6*.

LEFT: Martin Short in the Stephen Spielberg hit suspense-comedy *Innerspace*.

BELOW LEFT: Christopher Reeve returns in *Superman IV*.

BELOW: A romantic moment from *Princess Bride*.

writer plans a murder after misinterpreting an instruction.

On the surface *Princess Bride* (G) looks like a typical children's fairytale, but it is actually a surprisingly funny film. While kids will be enchanted by the story, teenagers and adults laughing hys-

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terically at a cast of characters led by a lovestruck pirate (Cary Elwes) who is a cross between James Bond and Indiana Jones.

Of course, over summer there is always a host of films for the children and one of the best is an Australian feature, *Bushfire Moon* (G). Set in the harsh Australian Outback, it focuses on a young boy who mistakes an old gold miner for Santa Claus the week before Christmas in 1891.

Harry And The Hendersons (PG), starring John Lithgow and Melinda Dillon, is the story of a family who run over Bigfoot.



The only animated film to be released in December is *The Chipmunk Adventure* (G) featuring Alvin and his mates in their first time on the big screen.

Sequels will be big again with the killer shark resurfacing in *Jaws — The Revenge* (M) and those crazy outcasts the nerds are out to get even in *Revenge Of The Nerds 2 — Nerds In Paradise* (M).

Christopher Reeve is back again in *Superman IV: The Quest For Peace* (PG), while that lovable canine Benji ventures into the wilderness to save four orphaned cougar cubs in *Benji The Hunted* (G).



TOP RIGHT: Canine superstar Benji comes to the rescue in the family adventure drama *Benji The Hunted*. In his new movie, the lovable dog ventures into the wilderness to save four orphaned cougar cubs

ABOVE: There's shades of Star Wars in Mel Brooks' latest madcap comedy smash *Spaceballs*.

RIGHT: The lovable Chipmunks in their holiday hit, *The Chipmunk Adventure*. It's the first big-screen outing for Alvin and his friends

